

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and a violation of law.

Not only is this decision against the public interest and an abuse of their use of the free airwaves, but it comes very close to violating federal equal time laws since it is blatantly a partisan film. I find it disgusting that Sinclair Broadcasting stated they wanted to stay away from politically motivated programming after trying to prevent Nightline from honoring our fallen heroes from Iraq by reading their names, and now they dare go back on their own policy to try to air a much more partisan film.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. I believe these issues should rank well above fining stations for 'indecentcy'. Thank you.